

House Resolution No. 4784

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have demonstrated exceptional abilities and leadership in the areas of business and community service; and

Whereas, Elliott Threatt of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a businessman, comic, family man, and community activist; and

Whereas, on November 21, 2003, Elliott Threatt enhanced his already considerable record of accomplishments when he was granted Businessman of the Year status by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City at its nineteenth annual awards ball; and

Whereas, Elliott Threatt launched his first General Nutrition Companies, Incorporated, (GNC) franchise in Salina, Kansas, in 1992; added an additional store in Lawrence, Kansas, shortly afterwards; and sold back several stores to GNC before relocating to his hometown of Kansas City in 1994; and

Whereas, today Elliott Threatt operates three franchises in conjunction with his wife, Kathryn, in the metropolitan Kansas City areas of Lee's Summit, Brookside, and Westport; and

Whereas, Elliott Threatt also deserves mention of his partnership in Paradies Shops which was formed in August 2001 to operate retail establishments at Kansas City International Airport; and

Whereas, Elliott Threatt is also known as a nationally acclaimed standup comedian; host of a weekly radio variety show, "The Elliott Threatt Show," on 1510 KCTE radio in Kansas City; and a philanthropist who has donated time, money, and goods to a variety of area community organizations, including battered women's shelters, youth summer camps, and a local children's hospital:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Elliott Threatt as Businessman of the Year by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his entrepreneurial and community-oriented spirit and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elliott Threatt of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4784, adopted December 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker